

CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, October 20, 2023

DuPont Historical Museum

Historical Society Book Signing Letters from Baghdad

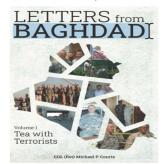
Coming in November, former DuPont Mayor Mike
Courts will be conducting a book signing for his new
book Letters from Baghdad Vol. 1: Tea with
Terrorists. The book dives into Col (Ret) Courts first
year in Baghdad and gives insights into the daily life
of a staff officer. The event will be held on Nov. 6th at
7pm at the DuPont Historical Museum. This event is
open to the public and there is no cost to attend. For
more information visit the museum website
at https://www.dupontmuseum.com/events

DuPont Historical Museum honors Veterans Day

Reading & book signing by Mike Courts

Letters from Baghdad Vol. 1 chronicles COL (Ret) Mike Courts' first year in Baghdad 2006-07.

Mike describes his team and life working in the "The Palace." Told in real time, Letters from Baghdad combines the serious issues of the war, insights into daily life of a staff officer, and humor into a compelling narrative of this critical period.



7:00 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, 2023 DuPont Museum 207 Barksdale Ave. DuPont WA

A resident of DuPont, Mike Courts was raised in an Army family and graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point. Mike is a career Army Aviator who has two tours each in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Iraq. He was DuPont City Councilman 2012-15 and Mayor 2016-19. He is married to Robbie B. Courts and has two children.



DupontHistoricalMuseum@gmail.com (253) 820-3656 www.dupontmuseum.com

Parks and Recreation



Youth Basketball Registration

Youth Basketball registration for the 2023/2024 season is now open for grades K thru 9 and will remain open thru Oct. 26th. (Late registration will remain open thru October 31) This is our largest youth sports program of the year and we are in need of lots of helping hands. If you are interested in coaching, scorekeeping, etc., please contact Amy Walker @ awalker@dupontwa.gov and we will put you in touch with the right folks! Practices are scheduled to start December 4th and will run through the end of February. All frequently asked questions and the registration link can be found here:

Thank You!

DuPont Parks & Recreation Presents It's The Great Auction City of DuPont

Annual Parks & Recreation Auction, It's a Wrap!

Many heartfelt thanks to our generous donors, sponsors, participants and bidders at our annual Parks & Recreation Auction. We are especially grateful to CalPortland and Farrelli's Wood Fire Pizza for the generous contributions to this event. We simply could not have done this without you! As a reminder proceeds from this year's event help to support youth, adult and senior programming. Thank you DuPont!

Parks and Recreation



Downtown Trick or Treating

As we turn the pages to October, this means downtown Trick or Treating in DuPont! Keeping with tradition, Parks & Recreation will host downtown Trick or Treating on Tuesday, October 31, from 3:00 PM-5:00 PM along Wilmington Drive. Families are all invited to Trick or Treat safely and responsibly on Halloween in our local businesses. We are often asked why we don't extend our Trick or Treating along Wilmington Drive to later in the evening. We end this annual event at 5PM out of respect to our business owners who also have families at home to celebrate the holiday with. We want them to be able to be home at a reasonable hour to enjoy time with their friends and families as well. If you see a business owner along the way, please be sure to thank them for opening their doors to the community on this special day. Event info can be found here: Events | DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)



Save the Date!

Annual Tree Lighting Ross Plaza Friday, December 1



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Santa Breakfast The Home Course Saturday, December 2

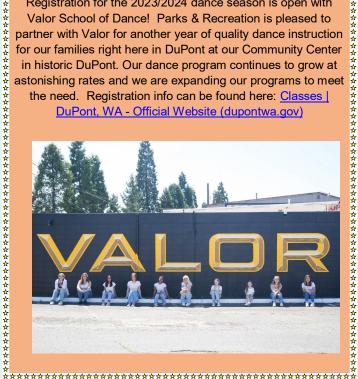
Calling all Parks & Recreation Instructors!

Parks & Recreation is currently looking for instructors for all types of classes for the young and the young at heart. If you have a special skill or hobby that you would like to share with the community and make a little money while doing so, please take a moment to complete the following survey and your Parks & Recreation team will be in touch! We cannot wait to hear from you!



2023/2024 Dance Classes

Registration for the 2023/2024 dance season is open with Valor School of Dance! Parks & Recreation is pleased to partner with Valor for another year of quality dance instruction for our families right here in DuPont at our Community Center in historic DuPont. Our dance program continues to grow at astonishing rates and we are expanding our programs to meet the need. Registration info can be found here: Classes | DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)





MUNICIPAL POSITION OPENING! - Civil Service Commission

The City of DuPont is looking for a citizen to fill a vacant position on the Civil Service Commission. The purpose of the Civil Service Commission is to implement, administer, and direct a civil service system that is consistent with state laws for sworn personnel of the DuPont Police Department and uniformed personnel of the DuPont Fire Department. The commission provides sworn police and uniformed fire employees with a quasi-judicial process for hearings on appeals concerning disciplinary actions, examination and testing, and other related issues.

For citizens interested in applying, detailed information about Civil Service Commission responsibilities and meeting times can be found on the City's website at https://www.dupontwa.gov/83/Commissions.

The current application can be found at: https://www.dupontwa.gov/512/Vacancies.

MUNICIPAL POSITION OPENING! - Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC)

The City of DuPont is looking for a citizen to fill a vacant position on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC). The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee oversees the LTAC grant program which is related to tourism development and promotion and made possible through taxes paid by consumers when they stay in paid lodging in the City of DuPont. LTAC grants are available to non-profits and public agencies. The committee reviews LTAC grant applications and recommends grant awards to the City Council for approval.

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MUNICIPAL POSITION OPENING! - Planning Commission

The City of DuPont is looking for a citizen to fill a vacant position on the Planning Commission. The purpose of the Planning Commission is to advise the City Council on General Land Use, Growth Management, Long-Range Capital Improvement Plans, and Transportation Planning.

For citizens interested in applying, detailed information about the Planning Commission's responsibilities and meeting times can be found on the City's website at https://www.dupontwa.gov/83/Commissions.

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City News

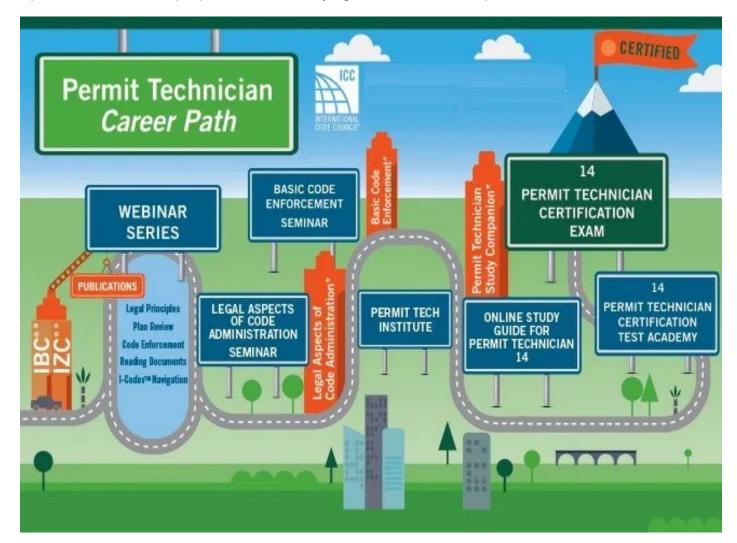


Congratulations, Christine Shilley, on becoming the City of DuPont's Certified Permit Technician!



Permit technicians are the first point of contact for the public that distribute permits. They examine plans, blueprints, and other documents to verify accuracy according to the build code and completeness; explain requirements and provide information to permit applicants; and process permit applications. Permit technicians also assist the Building Official in their day-to-day duties and perform basic data entry tasks. This career requires excellent written and verbal communication skills and data entry proficiency.

Becoming a Certified Permit Technician is a significant personal and professional accomplishment. Christine had the drive, ability, and dedication it took to earn this certification, and she will join a select group of professionals who have attained a high level of excellence and achievement validated through getting this certification. This was achieved by her years of construction experience, months of preparation and studying, and a 2-hour 60-question exam.





AUGUST 2023

I-5 - Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-**DuPont Rd. Corridor Improvements**

Beginning in late summer 2023, contractor crews working for the Washington State Department of Transportation will begin construction on Interstate 5 in DuPont near Joint Base Lewis-McChord. This is the third in a series of projects that widens I-5 to add HOV lanes between DuPont and Lakewood.

Improvements coming to DuPont and JBLM

In addition to extending the I-5 HOV lanes, construction crews will make improvements that enhance mobility and safety in DuPont and near the JBLM DuPont Gate at exit 119, including:

- A new bridge spanning I-5 and the railroad. The new bridge will feature a partial Diverging Diamond Interchange and a shared-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists between JBLM and DuPont.
- Direct access between JBLM and both directions of
- A new roundabout connecting Steilacoom-DuPont Road and the new overpass.

The project will also add a new signal at the intersection of the southbound I-5 off-ramp at Mounts Road (exit 116) and improve the I-5 vertical clearance over Pendleton Avenue.

What you can expect

Construction will begin in summer 2023 and is expected to be complete in 2026. The project consists of multiple stages that involve overnight and weekend ramp closures, lane shifts onto temporary pavement, potential speed limit reductions, and bicycle and pedestrian detours. Crews will contain dust and debris to the construction site and will minimize noise as much as practical. Clear signage will indicate required detours throughout the project.

improvements



The project extends HOV lanes in both directions into DuPont.

Stay connected

Follow us on Twitter @WSDOT_Tacoma

Check out our Facebook page: facebook.com/WSDOT

Project hotline: 206-467-2171

Scan the QR code or visit: wsdot. wa.gov/construction-planning/ search-projects/i-5-mounts-rdsteilacoom-dupont-rd-corridor-



For updated weekly ramp and lane

closure schedules, visit: wsdot.com/Travel/Real-time/

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provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise discriminated against under any of its programs and activities. Any person who believes his/her Title VI protection has been violated, may file a complaint with WSDOT's Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR). For additional information regarding Title VI complaint procedures and/or information regarding our non-discrimination obligations, please contact OECR's Title VI Coordinator at (360) 705-7090. 23-08-0293

WSDOT: I-5 Mounts Rd to Steilacoom-DuPont Road Corridor Improvements outreach links:

Online open house:

https://engage.wsdot.wa.gov/i-5-mounts-to-steilacoom-dupont-rd/

WSDOT Blog:

https://wsdotblog.blogspot.com/2023/09/i-5-hov-dupont-jblm.html

YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIDRY3j6DNI&t=1s

The WSDOT Facebook page also has a post linking the blog and online open house:

https://www.facebook.com/WSDOT/

Public Services

TRAFFIC ALERT!

A Comcast contractor is scheduled to do work in the right-of-way in a section of Center Drive from October 9th - November 10th. They will also be directing traffic on DuPont-Steilacoom Road for turns onto Center Drive. Their work hours will be 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Westbound Center Drive and northbound DuPont-Steilacoom Road will be reduced to one lane during these times. Please be cautious, patient, and follow all traffic instructions in this work zone. Thank you for your patience!



PUBLIC SERVICES - POLITICAL SIGNS

As election time gets closer, temporary political signs are being placed throughout the City. Following these types of sign requirements are essential for pedestrian and driver safety. Specifically, signs in locations that interfere with the site distance of pedestrians or motorists proceeding on or approaching public streets, intersections, alleys, driveways, parking areas, or sidewalks are not allowed.

Site distance can be determined by drawing an imaginary line that is 30' from the intersecting point of two sides of the right of way as shown in the graphic. All signs must be outside of this "site distance triangle". Signs that are placed within the site distance triangle will be removed and held at the City of DuPont Public Works and Maintenance Facility (301 Louviers Ave.) for pick up Monday- Friday between 8am-3pm.

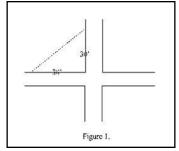
Signs must be removed within five working days following an election.

DuPont Municipal Code (DMC) DMC 25.110.010 and 25.116.110 can be found at these links:

https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/DuPont/#!/DuPont25/ DuPont25110.html#25.110

https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/DuPont/#!/DuPont25/ DuPont25116.html#25.116.110





Fall Leaves





We'll all agree the fall-colored leaves bring added beauty to the wonderful City of DuPont, yet they also cause a lot of yard work. Please be responsible for the leaves that fall in your yard and on the sidewalks in front of your homes, and do not blow them into the street. Instead, please put them in your yard waste receptacles. Work with your neighbors to make sure storm drains are clear. Keeping leaves raked and cleaned up will keep gutters and streets from filling up with water. Street sweepers will be coming by in the coming weeks (please see schedule below), so let's do our part to help ensure the streets are clear of leaves and debris. Thank you, residents!



2023 Street Sweeping

Below is the street sweeping schedule for October and November. The schedule is subject to change if the sweeper breaks down or the schedule unexpectedly changes.

October 23 – 27

Wilmington Drive Center Drive Yehle Village Hoffman Hill

October 30 - November 3

Wilmington Drive Steilacoom/DuPont Road Palisade Division

November 6 – 9 (Holiday 11/10)

Center Drive McNeil St. Historic Village Bell Hill Edmond Village Savannah Oaks

El Rancho Madronna

November 13 - 17

Wilmington Drive Palisade Division Yehle Village Hoffman Hill

November 20 - 22 (Holiday 11/23 & 11/24)

Wilmington Drive Center Drive McNeil St.

November 27 - December 1

Steilacoom/DuPont Rd. Historic Village Bell Hill Edmond Village Savannah Oaks El Rancho Madronna

CITY OF DUPONT WATER MAIN FLUSHING



The City of DuPont periodically flushes the pipes in our water system to remove rust and sediment, which helps ensure you receive clean, reliable water. Flushing forces high-velocity flows through the pipes and out through fire hydrants. Along with scouring the inside of water mains, this also helps us find and repair malfunctioning valves and hydrants before they cause problems. Water department crews will likely begin flushing in October 2023 and should complete the program in early 2024.

What to Expect-

- During flushing, you might see utility crews working at hydrants and valves in intersections and at the end
 of cul-de-sacs.
- Your water pressure may decrease during flushing, and you may see discoloration. This is temporary, not harmful and should clear up quickly.
- Avoid running the tap or turning on appliances that use water, such as dishwashers and clothes washers, when flushing is happening in your area.
- If you get discolored water or find sediment in your water, remove any aerators from your faucets and run the cold tap for a few minutes or until the water runs clear.
- Make sure your first load of laundry after flushing is dark clothes only.

If you have questions during normal business hours about our flushing programs, or if your water does not clear up within a short time after flushing is completed, please contact our Water Quality Section at (253) 964-8121 or publicworks@dupontwa.gov.

After business hours, call the Public Works Afterhours Emergency Contact Line at (253) 912-5389.

DuPont Parks & Trails

Did you know the City of DuPont has over 12 miles of maintained trails and nearly 20 developed park spaces? Or that there is a Community Garden or an off-leash dog park? You can discover all these places and more by using our City website's Parks & Facilities portal! The City Parks and the City Trails links use the same master search function that allows you to search by amenities or even trail difficulty! Whatever you select as a feature, only parks or trails that have that feature will populate! Looking for an easy trail with a water view? Select "water view" and "trail-easy," which will only bring up those trails! Are you looking for a park with a playground but also a bathroom? Search both of those features, and only those specific parks will show.

Discover a new park, a trail, or Community Garden, and explore these portals! https://dupontwa.gov/198/Parks-Facilities





Use the Master Search to find parks and trails with certain amenities. Click on "Features" (you may need to first click "Find a Facility"), select the features you want to search for and then close that screen. Click "search"

DuPont Fire Department

Response Information: The table below shows general responses. Details, if needed, are listed to better explain the response. The yellow highlighted areas in the "Current" column are statistics from the past week and the "Year" statistics include all responses since January 1st of this year.



(Category) Description Details	Current	Year
(10) Fire, other		4
(11) Structure Fire		4
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire		7
(14) Natural vegetation fire		11
(15) Outside rubbish fire		0
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition		1
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other		2
(31) Medical assist		16
(32.1) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	14	486
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2	32
(33) Lock-In		0
(35) Extrication, rescue		1
(36) Water or ice-related rescue		2
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other		0
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks		6
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition		3
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem		1
(50) Service call, other	1	46
(51) Person in distress		9
(52) Water Problem		1
(53) Smoke, odor problem		2
(54) Animal problem or rescue		1
(55) Public service assistance		34
(56) Unauthorized burning		1
(60) Good intent call, other		9
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route		44
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found		2
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke		12
(66) EMS call-transported by non-fire agency		1
(70) False alarm and false call, other		13
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm		3
(73) System or detector malfunction		31
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)		14
(91) Citizen complaint		2
Unknown		0
TOTALS	17	801

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore		1
Madigan	1	97
Mary Bridge	1	54
St. Clare	5	104
St. Joseph	2	33
St. Peters		10
Tacoma General		12
TOTAL	9	311
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ALS	10	324
BLS	6	193

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	3	160
0800-1649	13	381
1700-2359	1	260
TOTAL	17	801

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	2	92
Monday	2	99
Tuesday	3	110
Wednesday	2	144
Thursday	5	138
Friday	2	107
Saturday	1	111
TOTAL	17	801

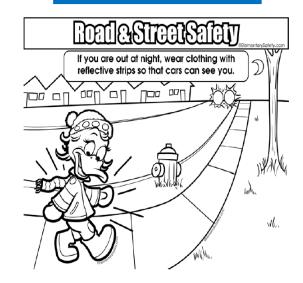
Mutual Aid / Multiple Calls:		
DPF Received	3	59
DPF Provided	3	49
Multiple Calls	4	98

Safety Message - Pedestrian Safety

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration offers the following safety tips for pedestrians while walking in public places:

- Be predictable; follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- Whenever possible, cross streets at crosswalks or intersections, where drivers expect pedestrians. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right.
- If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely; continue watching for traffic as you cross.
- Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen.
- Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.
- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking; they impair your abilities and your judgment.

KIDS!!!



DuPont Fire Department





DuPont Historical Museum





DuPont Police Department



Weekly Activity Report

Duty * Professionalism * Dedication



Total Calls for Service 10/09/23 – 10/15/23: 234 Average per day: 33.42

The "Total Calls for Service" statistic above includes, but is not limited to, the following incidents:

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

- 09 Citizen Assist
- 08 Community Oriented Policing
- 07 Agency Assist
- 01 Disorderly / Neighbor Dispute
- 01 Domestic Violence (verbal)
- 01 Found Narcotics
- 02 Suspicious Person
- 04 Suspicious Vehicle
- 65 Traffic Stops
- 01 Unwanted Loiterer
- 01 Stolen Vehicle Recovery
- 02 Welfare Check
- 01 Juvenile Complaint
- 06 9-1-1 Calls (accidental)
- 01 Lewd Conduct (Unfounded)

PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

- 02 Residential Burglary
- 01 Motor Vehicle Collision/Hit & Run
- 01 Vehicle Prowl
- 04 Vandalism
- 01 Failure to Yield

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

- 01 Felony Harassment or Threats/DV, Interfering with the report of /DV, Assault 4th Degree
- 01 Domestic Violence with a Weapon (not in progress)

ARRESTS/REFERRALS

O1 Arrest - Felony Harassment or Threats/DV, Interfering with the report of /DV, Assault 4th Degree—booked into jail.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Speed emphases were conducted throughout the city.
- Officers completed online training.
- DuPont officers greeted students, parents, and staff at the local schools.



REPORTING AN INCIDENT? NEED AN OFFICER?

- To report an emergency, dial 9-1-1
- To report a non-emergency, dial (253) 287-4455
- If you aren't sure, let us help you by dialing (253) 964 -7060

If you have non-urgent questions, suggestions, want to file a complaint or commend a D.P.D. staff member, we appreciate the opportunity to assist you. You may reach us via email at Police@dupontwa.gov or by telephone at (253) 964-7060.

DOWNLOAD THE DUPONT POLICE APP TODAY!









DuPont Police Department

Community and conversation!

Last week, we had the opportunity to spend time with community members and DPD Business Watch partners while discussing important topics.

A special thanks to Isabella Colvin and Scott Collins for hosting a DPD Business Watch Meeting at Revolution Mortgage, and to our neighborhood Starbucks on Center Drive for hosting National Coffee with a Cop.

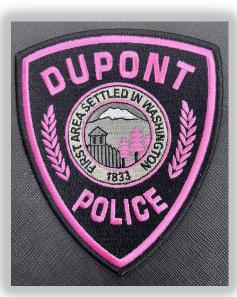














City Council and Calendars

10/24/2023 Regular Council Meeting agenda items:

Presentations:

Holman Capital regarding private funding sources.

Appointments:

Appointment of Larry Wilcox to the Civil Service Commission and appointment of Bedez Carter the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Approval of the Consent Agenda Items:

Resolution No. 23-015 Waiving fees for certain City projects.

New Business:

Resolution No. 23-016 Amending Resolution No. 23-014; authorizing a budget adjustment to increase the maximum salary cap for the City Administrator position.

Study Session: Financial Update; Legislative Priorities; Possible levy or bond items.

Helpful Meeting Links:

- City of DuPont Meetings can be watched live or later at: City's YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-nrLK1wNfpq3 CeNJw40A).
- Regular Council Meetings can be watched live or later at the City's YouTube channel and/or at: Pierce County TV (https://www.piercecountytv.org/1306/DuPont-Live-Meetings).
- Agendas, once published, are officially posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and available at the following link: https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/777/.
- Minutes, after they are passed, are available at: https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/7/.

Regular City Council meetings begin at 6:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Published agendas can be found on the website's homepage; click on the meeting date on the City of DuPont Calendar and then "**Download Agenda**".



Date	Time	UPCOMING MEETINGS
10/23/2023	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Special Meeting
10/24/2023	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
10/30/2023	6:00 PM	Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
11/10/2023		City Hall CLOSED
11/13/2023	5:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
11/13/2023	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
11/14/2023	11:00 AM	Civil Service Commission
11/14/2023	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
11/23-11/24/23		City Hall CLOSED in celebration of Thanksgiving

Date	ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATE!	Location/Information
10/31/2023	Downtown Trick or Treating	https://www.dupontwa.gov/195/Events
11/6/2023	Reading & Book Signing	https://www.dupontmuseum.com/events
11/19/2023	Board Game Day	https://www.dupontmuseum.com/events
12/1/2023	Annual Tree Lighting	Save the Date!
12/2/2023	Santa Breakfast	Save the Date!
12/17/2023	Board Game Day	https://www.dupontmuseum.com/events

UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES

Reminder: City Hall will be closed November 10th in honor of Veterans Day and November 23rd and 24th in celebration of Thanksgiving.

